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SkyKu Vol. 1 (Spring)



North 33 degrees 42 minutes 29.80 seconds

West 111 degrees 54 minutes 2.81 seconds

perched in ironwoods
night birds report their chirp verse
breaking the quiet

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a veil of clouds shrouds
the moon with iridescent
prismatic black pearl

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dry spring zephyrs move
through the palo verdes low
moon, mars, jupiter

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the penny on my
roof reflects the light of moon
like a silver dime

-

orion exits
until it swings back eastward
in autumn's advent

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above the foothills
an egg shaped moon sinks away
down in the cool night

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tusk moon over buttes
an effulgence of silk clouds
a scream of quiet

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rain clouds clear for a
blood orange moon waning over
the dark desert hills

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ironwood and the
saguaro silhouetted
against a thin cloud

-

a great owl in the
middle of the road takes flight
from my car headlights

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no venus no moon
no trees moving in the wind
quiet still as stars

-

two red tailed hawks hunt
rabbits on the house drive way
in the early day

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like a perfect chalk
circle around the full moon
marks approaching rain

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earth in spring pushes
insects out from the cool sand
and stones in the wash

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walls of igneous
canyons carved in the desert
sediment and clay

-

hawk lands on highway
lamp post this afternoon with
out secret service

-

the advent of Spring
animals flowers and mice
you can hear the owls

-

meteor flicks quick
like a quantum particle
inside a vacuum

-

in the 3am
the push and pull of the winds
stars hit peak at dawn

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moon holding Earth-shine
low over the dark hillside
a pristine spring night

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the owl ghost star and
jupiter set west mars high
and faint above town

-

moon sets west now red
as mars 3am hour
of the gods and stars

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collapse on your lap
moon sets west like blood in dirt
dream alert tonight

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moon slips behind the
black clouds with mars and airplane
time to go back in

-

geometrical
cosmic tag the whole night sky
a big line drawing

-

leaving a giant
wriggling worm a sky glow worm
winds over the trail

-

aphids appear to
circumnavigate the edge
of a candle's glass

-

loving the light two
aphids the color of lime
battle the light breeze

-

dance on the surface
of a smartphone's glare and do
a little boogie

-

on the roof in the
hour of god mars trucks west
pulls the milky way

-

the aphids are now
wearing parkas because it
is so god damn cold

-

skies open up the
heavens there is a gentle
breeze blowing tonight

-

collective light from
a billion years hits the back
of our open eyes

-

there was a time to
remember lean back the head
and dream of the day

-

a meteor drops
answering brilliant in the
east over the hills

-

dark new moon tonight
dipper mars jupiter hang
out now a slight breeze

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the winds blow through the
dark mighty evening and now
I must go to sleep

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weird when you start to
shine a flashlight everywhere
the cool wind will cease

-

a gem in my beak
from the rubble you leave has
planted a new day

-

moonlight 3am
just me and the nature noise
across the desert

-

jupiter sails west
moon saturn mars lifting east
sacred silent night

-

a world without the
animal is a coffin
of sirens screaming

-

full passover moon
next jupiter to the east
then falling star west

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rich scent of mesquite
sage and acacia tree
Ho'hokam grass too

-

indigenous trees
grow upside down serpent holds
the moon in its mouth

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wild fires burn in the
north woods the invincible
trickster of fury

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Dali Lama is
not here he's over the hill
crimson crescent moon

-

should be nice tonight
the moon glow grows chasing west
jupiter north west

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in the last two nights
you could see the fingers of
the old milky way

-

slow red moon sets west
May wild flowers bring June wild
fires burn for months

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couldn't sleep much last
night with out the power this
morning I woke up

-

mars skates over the
city lights glow dipper dive
bombs in the dark west

-

in the sandwich of
the evening a gun metal
sky mars moon sets west

-

skeleton light years
3 o'god in the morning
bloody stained half moon

-

all night dreaming of
bright angels in the millions
ascending my spine

-

into the heaven
of my brain in the morning
the sun wakes me up

-

the sun the big sun
waiting Memorial Day
phoenix bright hot light

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homeless head for Flag
rich head for San Diego
the rest of us sleep

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moon waxes gibbous
courting mars stage south south west
in gun metal sky

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when the night birds sing
earlier some ants battled
in the cool kitchen

-

driving all life in
a circadian rhythm
there is no escape

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there was a reason
he wore a blood stained toga
Komodo dragon

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mars hovers over
a wolf spider on flagstone
wind stirs desert dirt

-

moon hangs in cobweb
clouds over Superstitions
a cream glow smearing

-

2 am breezes
all wild life shrugs heavens clouds
hearts silence rises

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her orchestra is
leaving nothing but muses
of eternity

-

womb moon in space-time
now free in cloudless night sky
tiny planes blink out

-

moon rising through strands
of clouds breaking through the east
crescent moon moves low

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cassiopeia
low in the north sky tonight
jupiter moon dusk

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saturn mars south by
south west vega above my
head a shooting star

-

moon saturn south now
over ghost clouds of satin
ironwood shadows

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morning cool breezes
birds chirp doves coo airplanes land
air brakes squeak gate slams

-

3am hour
moon, stars, trees, helicopter
cool, calm and silent

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still no animals
eating each other alive
no planes in the sky

-

no helicopters
no sirens no distant groan
of last call traffic

-

the owl drops from a
canopy of cottonwoods
claws a bird to death

-

blood orange moon sinks
west taking jupiter out
mars south with saturn

-

jupiter rising
from the east a full flower
blue moon and saturn

-

mind tagged with song of
memory quiet falls from
deep space the heart beats

-

june new moon blue sky
fresh heat people meet light air
wind in hair bare feet

-

walking talking in
to the mist of the threshold
of the summer time

-

lightning flies midnight
bird songs saguaro blooms doves
loom clouds plume from north

-

half moon heading west
jupiter near mid summit
in a soup of billions

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dark matter and light
from times before earth began
above the desert

-

breezy cool evening
the invisible invites
through the sigh song trees

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the saguaro blooms
tuning forks stand food for doves
eons of monsoons

-

in the lightning blasts
the saguaro boils to death
leaving long glass roots

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last days of may mars
rises east chases saturn
chases jupiter

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soon to be june with
her blue white skies and damning
hell hot heat hits streets

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look east mars rises
then saturn jupiter near
moon and arcturus



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